

Minutes of the WAMATYC Membership Meeting

April 23rd 2016

Salishan Resort, Gleneden, OR

Peter Wildman, President, WAMATYC, Presiding

Attendees: A. Villines, J. Laveglia (Bellevue); P. Casillas, K. Cook, S. Keely, K. Barnhill, R. Weston, C. Milner, S. Luther (Clark); G. McIntosh, T. Ledford, Y. Weyant (Edmonds); C. Quarles (Everett); J. Hoppe, D. Olson, P. Wildman (Spokane Falls); Y. Clark, J DeWilde (Whatcom)

Guests: B. Steinhurst, L. Hylton

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 AM.

Minutes from the spring, 2015 meeting were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Officer Chris Milner presented the following budget summary for 2015 - 16. Chris also commented that WAMATYC spent \$300 in support of the 2016 "WAMATYC Sessions in Mathematics" speakers. This expense will be reflected in next year's budget summary.

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	\$2,354.62
<u>Revenues</u>	
Interest	\$0.36
Dues	\$560.00
<u>Expenses</u>	
SML Winner (Bellevue)	-\$50.00
2015 conference speaker fee	-\$500.00
WAMATYC awards (C. Quarles)	-\$265.27
WWCCSMC prizes	-\$50.00
2016 WAMATYC speaker conference registration (for C. Lee)	-\$195.00
Checking account fees	-\$120.00
<u>Ending balance</u>	\$1734.71

After Chris's report there was a discussion about the need to raise dues. Over the past several years, WAMATYC has become very active in supporting a number of worthwhile activities (e.g.

Student Math League, WWCCSMC, WAMATYC teaching and service awards, the WAMATYC Sessions in Mathematics, support for the annual Washington state conference, hosting a state-wide math chairs meeting). However, the \$5 annual dues have not changed since WAMATYC was founded in 1986. There was a lengthy, careful discussion on the pros and cons of raising annual dues to \$7 or \$10. Several people thought that \$10 was acceptable and cited the fact that ORMATYC dues are \$15 per year. A motion to raise annual dues to \$10 was made and seconded. After formal discussion the motion was approved unanimously. The dues increase will begin in 2017. Several people mentioned the importance of informing the membership about why dues were increased and suggested making a “talking points” list that details all of WAMATYC’s activities.

AMATYC PLACEMENT AND ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

Barbra Steinhurst, Northwest Regional representative to the AMATYC Placement and Assessment Committee, presented a wealth of information about the role and activities of AMATYC’s Placement and Assessment Committee. She circulated a sheet that meeting attendees could fill out if they wanted more information.

GENERAL AMATYC INFORMATION

AMATYC Northwest Vice President Liz Hylton discussed the following:

- Each year AMATYC has an affiliate scholarship for someone from the Northwest Region to attend the national AMATYC meeting. She encouraged us to make use of it.
- Each year AMATYC has a student scholarship. Last year’s winner was from Washington state. Liz encouraged us to nominate a student each year.
- AMATYC is considering streaming portions of national meetings in the future. Liz encouraged meeting attendees to contact her with comments or recommendations.
- There is a code that can be used for a 50% discount for AMATYC membership. The code can be used by anyone who has never been a member or who has membership lapsed to years ago or before. Liz gave the code to President Elect Paul Casillas for distribution to anyone who wanted to use it.
- The AMATYC national meeting will be held in Spokane, WA in 2020. Liz mentioned that soon the Northwest Region will need a local events coordinator and that there will be lots of work to do as 2020 nears.

- There was some discussion about the number of members in WAMATYC and ORMATYC as opposed to other regional affiliates across the U.S. After some discussion, it was noted that given the size of the teaching faculty in Washington and Oregon, both affiliates have good membership numbers and high conference attendance rates. There was also a brief discussion on mechanisms for members to “re-up” and for new people to join WAMATYC. Chris Milner is looking into options.

WEBSITE INFORMATION

Sally Keely gave a brief update on the state of the WAMATYC website, including hits by unique users in 2015 (3,063 hits) and other information. Sally also reported that she created a Washington Math Conference page specifically for conference hosts to post early conference information before their own website is up and running. She also reported that the WAMATYC logo has had an electronic facelift, and that several versions are available at the WAMATYC website.

WWCCSMC

Paul Casillas reported that WAMATYC contributed \$50 in support of the 2016 Western Washington Community College Student Math Conference held at Edmonds community College in February. Support was in the form of two \$25 gift cards that were awarded to the two best student presentations as judged by WAMATYC member Dale Hoffman. There was some discussion about the level of financial support that WAMATYC gives to WWCCSMC. Sally Keely noted that the minutes indicated that the membership had voted to give up to \$100 in support to WWCCSMC each year. After discussion attendees decided to let this stand. Paul Casillas’s discussion with various WWCCSMC sponsoring schools indicated that they would be happy with continuing support in the form of the two \$25 gift cards student speakers as sponsoring schools have had little trouble funding the WWCCSMC themselves.

ELECTION RESULTS

President Pete Wildman reported that Chris Milner and Sally Keely were elected to continue their current positions with WAMATYC. However, we had no candidate for President-Elect so this position is currently vacant.

WAMATYC AWARDS

Pete Wildman discussed how hard it has been to get nominations for the WAMATYC teaching award. Part of it may have to do with timing since the call for nominations comes around the same time as spring break. There was a brief discussion on how to get more nominees.

OTHER ITEMS

- The membership reached a general agreement that we should try to continue the WAMATYC Sessions in Mathematics. Jen Townsend's presentation had 45 attendees and Chris Lee's presentation had 34 attendees this year, and both presentations were very well received.
- The membership reached a general agreement that WAMATYC should continue to organize and support a Washington state math chairs meeting prior to the opening of the spring conference. There was brief mention that WAMATYC might organize a mid-year chairs' meeting as well.
- Pete once again urged us to nominate students for the AMATYC national scholarship when the nomination window opens.
- There was discussion about moving the WAMATYC checking account from Bank of America since they charge a \$10/month service fee.
- There was discussion about WAMATYC serving as the financial agent for the annual Washington spring conference. No consensus was reached. There are many details to consider first.

ADJORNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 a.m.

Submitted by Paul Casillas, President-Elect